


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

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SUBJECT: Record of Decision for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Range (Site SS-026), Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburgh, NY Superfund Site

FROM: George Pavlou, Director 
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TO: Jane M. Kenny, Regional Administrator
Region 2

Attached, for your co-signature, is the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Range (Site SS-026) at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB). The ROD has been previously signed by Albert F. Lowas, Jr., Director of the Air Force Real Property Agency. Under the National Contingency Plan and Executive Order 12580, the Air Force has been delegated lead agency responsible for CERCLA actions on its facilities, and has prepared this ROD for Air Force and EPA co-signature. Joint selection of remedies by federal agencies and EPA at Federal Superfund sites is envisioned by CERCLA Section 120. The State of New York concurs with the remedy (letter of concurrence attached). The ROD and all supporting documentation have been reviewed by EPA and NYSDEC, and all comments have been satisfactorily addressed.

Also for your signature, attached is a letter to transmit a copy of the ROD back to the Air Force after you have signed it.

The remedy for Site SS-026 is no further action, which is based on three actions previously undertaken at the site that have reduced contaminant levels to below regulatory standards and guidance values. The first action, Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Range Safing, was conducted in 1997 and 1998. The UXO Range Safing conducted was consistent with Department of Defense and EPA Management Principles for Implementing Response Actions at Closed, Transferring and Transferred Ranges. The second action, conducted in 1997, consisted of the removal of twenty-seven 55 gallon drums that had previously been used to store waste petroleum product. The third action, which consisted of the excavation of soils containing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), was conducted in 2001. Soil sampling conducted in 2001 indicates that soil contamination at the site has been reduced to levels below those of concern to human health and the environment.

Contaminant levels in site groundwater, sampled during the 1999 Site Investigation, are below ARARs (NYSDEC TOGS 1.1.1 and Title 6 NYCRR, Part 703 and EPA MCLs).

Because levels of contamination in site soils and groundwater are below those which allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, five-year reviews for Site SS-026 will not be required.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at x4390 or Bob Morse of my staff at x4331.

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Attachments

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